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UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application in an office action dated August 25, 2006. An English translation of said office action is also submitted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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